COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 576/2004

of 26 March 2004

fixing the maximum aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for the 138th individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products [1], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The intervention agencies are, pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2571/97 of 15 December 1997 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the granting of aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other foodstuffs [2], to sell by invitation to tender certain quantities of butter of intervention stocks that they hold and to grant aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter. Article 18 of that Regulation stipulates that in the light of the tenders received in response to each individual invitation to tender a minimum selling price shall be fixed for butter and maximum aid shall be fixed for cream, butter and concentrated butter. It is further stipulated that the price or aid may vary according to the intended use of the butter, its fat content and the incorporation procedure, and that a decision may also be taken to make no award in response to the tenders submitted. The amount(s) of the processing securities must be fixed accordingly.

(2) The Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The maximum aid and processing securities applying for the 138th individual invitation to tender, under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97, shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

2. No award shall be made under the invitation to tender in respect of the following products:

— butter with tracers, 82 %, Formula B,

— concentrated butter with tracers, Formula A,

— concentrated butter with tracers, Formula B,

— cream with tracers, Formula B,

— butter without tracers, 80 %, Formula A,

— butter without tracers, 82 %, Formula B,

— butter without tracers, 80 %, Formula B,

— concentrated butter without tracers, Formula B.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 27 March 2004.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 2004.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 48. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 186/2004 (OJ L 29, 3.2.2004, p. 6).

[2] OJ L 350, 20.12.1997, p. 3. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 186/2004.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 26 March 2004 fixing the maximum aid for cream, butter and concentrated butter for the 138th individual invitation to tender under the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2571/97

(EUR/100 kg)

Formula		A		B	
Incorporation procedure		With tracers	Without tracers	With tracers	Without tracers
Maximum aid	Butter ≥ 82 %	69	65	—	—
	Butter < 82 %	—	—	—	—
	Concentrated butter	—	79	—	—
	Cream	—	—	—	27
Processing security	Butter	78	—	—	—
	Concentrated butter	—	—	—	—
	Cream	—	—	—	—